



THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATURE & HISTORY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

January 2015

2014 PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Winner of the 3rd annual *Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park* photo contest was announced December 6, 2014. This year's winner is Dave Bruner with *Sunset at Wind Canyon*. Dave's picture, along with the other 11 finalists will be featured in a 2015 calendar and on the Theodore Roosevelt National Park 2015 annual entrance pass. Calendars are available for purchase at the Medora Visitor Center or by contacting TRNHA at 701-623-4884.



Dave Bruner Sunset at Wind Canyon

Photos Featured on Page 2

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Upcoming Events

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Entrance to all National Park Service sites is free.

February 15, 2015 — Heritage Outbound Winter Adventure
Sponsored in part by Knife River Indian Villages NHS
Visit www.history.nd.gov/events/heritageoutbound.



TOP 12 FINALISTS



Dave Bruner



David Schram



John Neukirch



Johannes Minnaar



Patricia Lee Hilpert



Bill Crnkovich



Scott Bakke



Dave Bruner



Boyd Turner



Gary Anderson



Kathy Turner



Stephen Nehrenberg

2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association is pleased to announce its 2015 Board of Directors. There are three new board members this year. We would like to thank all our member both past and present for their diligence and dedication in helping TRNHA educate its visitors and preserving our public lands.

2015 Board of Directors

Jil Baird—President	Scyller Borglum—New Board Member
Jan Dodge—Vice President	Robert Carlson—New Board Member
Debbie Rodne—Secretary/Treasurer	Craig Whippo—New Board Member
Jim Bridger—Board Member	

2015 CALENDER OF EVENTS

A new year brings new events and in 2015 these are just a few to mark on your calendar!



4th Annual Theodore Roosevelt NP Photo Contest

Submission period begins April 18, 2015

National Park Service Fee Free Days
January 19, 2015- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 14-16, 2015 - Presidents Day Weekend
April 18-19, 2015 - Start of National Park Week
August 25, 2015 - NPS Birthday
September 26, 2015 - National Public Lands Day
November 11, 2015 - Veterans Day



TRNHA Teddy Bear Picnic

July 10, 2015
Theodore Roosevelt National Park



61st Annual TRNHA Birdwalk

June 7, 2015
Theodore Roosevelt National Park



Kids Days at Knife River Indian Villages

Tuesdays between July 7– July 28, 2015



Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival

September 11-13, 2015
Theodore Roosevelt National Park

RESOLUTIONS FOR A GREENER NEW YEAR

The National Park Service epitomizes America's natural, cultural, and historical values throughout the country. It is tasked with protecting, interpreting, and maintaining 408 sites that attracted 273.6 million visitors in 2013. With such a monumental task for park staff, it's up to park visitors to ensure they do their part in sustaining our park resources for the future. Listed below are just a few ways that visitors can reduce their impact when recreating at National Park Service sites.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Plan your trip accordingly, while disposable items are easy to travel with, consider reusable water bottles and dishware for your next picnic or camping trip. Also consider a reusable bag for your next purchase in a park bookstore. As always recycle approved materials in appropriate receptacles found throughout many park sites.



Limit Idling

National Parks are famous for their natural beauty and free roaming wildlife. To ensure others have the opportunity to enjoy these resources consider turning off your vehicle when enjoying an overlook or watching wildlife. This promotes natural soundscapes, clean air, and dark night skies.

Walk, Bike, or Take Public Transportation

Where available, consider alternative methods for transportation when visiting national parks. It can be as simple as using a park shuttle or deciding to walk or bike when going to your next trailhead or ranger program.



While these are a few ways to promote sustainability within our parks. The National Park Service and its partners will reach millions of visitors this year. When you or someone you know is one of those visitors, take the opportunity to practice resource stewardship within our public lands, consider ways to reduce your impact, and as always get out and enjoy your National Parks!

WINTER VIEWS

Wintertime is a spectacular time in the Little Missouri Badlands. Here is Theodore Roosevelt's perspective as written in The Wilderness Hunter:

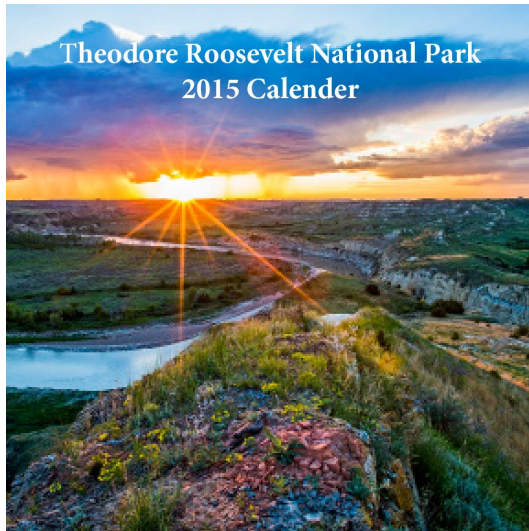
Snow lay on the ground, leaving bare patches here and there, but drifted deep in the hollows. Under the steel-blue heavens the atmosphere had a peculiar glint as if filled with myriads of tiny crystals. As I crossed the frozen river, immediately in front of the ranch house, the strangely carved tops of the bluffs were reddening palely in the winter sunrise. Prairie fowl were perched in the bare cottonwoods along the river brink, showing large in the leafless branches; they called and clucked to one another.



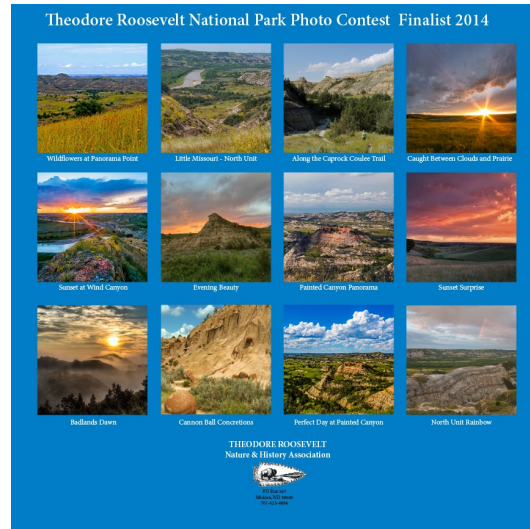
Even if you can't visit the badlands in the winter, you can catch your own *winter views* through the National Park Service air quality webcam. Visit www.nature.nps.gov/air/webcams to check out current pictures of Theodore Roosevelt National Park throughout the season!

FEATURED PRODUCT

2015 Calendar 12" x 12" \$20.00



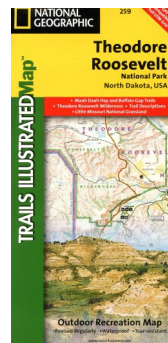
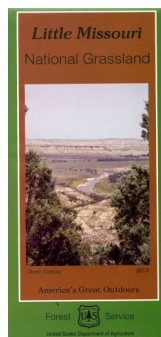
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MONTHLY MEMBER SPECIAL

TRNHA Member Only Coupon Little Missouri National Grassland Map & National Geographic Trails Illustrated Theodore Roosevelt National Park Topo Map



Sale Price \$22.00

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Regular Price \$24.45

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
















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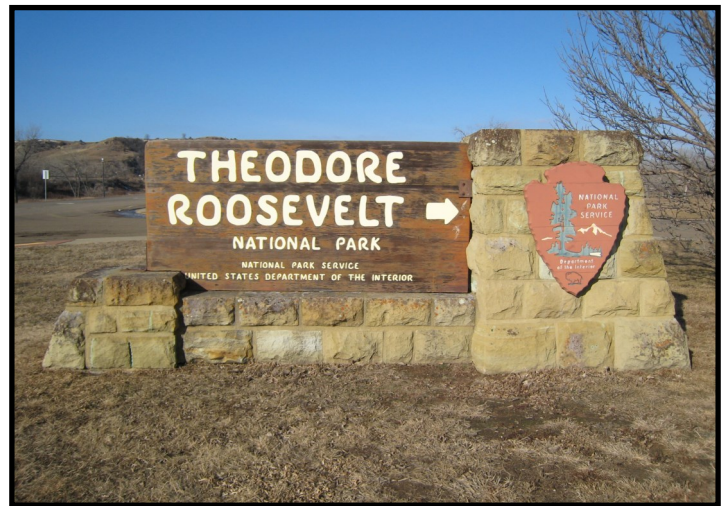
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FEE INCREASE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1

Theodore Roosevelt National Park (TRNP) will implement an increase in campground and entrance fees effective February 1, 2015. In order to lessen the impact of the fee increase, the park will phase changes over three years.

Beginning February 1, visitors will pay \$20 for a 7-day pass for a single, non commercial vehicle entry or \$40 for an annual pass into TRNP. By 2017 a 7-day pass will cost \$25 and an annual pass \$50. Additionally rates at the Cottonwood and Juniper campgrounds will increase to \$14 per night and per site. The Interagency Pass rates will remain the same: Annual (\$80) and Senior (\$10).

For more information and a complete list of fee changes please visit the National Park Service website at www.nps.gov/thro/parknews/newsreleases.htm



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HERITAGE OUTBOUND WINTER ADVENTURE

The annual Heritage Outbound Winter Adventure begins February 14, 2015.

This event includes a day of learning and activities at Fort Clark State Historic Site and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. Join participants to celebrate the history, stories and traditions of Fort Clark and Knife River Indian Villages. This outdoor program requires moderate physical activity and is recommended for ages 12 and older. Participants are responsible for their own warm clothing.

Activities include:

- Snowshoeing (weather dependent)
- Traditional Winter Games
- Flint and steel fire-making
- Atlatl throwing

Cost is \$65 and includes two meals, snacks, and snowshoe use. Preregistration is required by February 11, 2015

Contact Erik Holland at 701-328-2792, eholland@nd.gov, or visit www.history.nd.gov/events/heritageoutbound.html for details and registration.



2015 PHOTO CONTEST

Submissions for the 2015 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest will be accepted beginning April 18.

Submit up to two photos (taken between September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015) of any natural, cultural, or historical subject found within Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



The submission deadline is August 31, 2015 11:59 pm MT.

The winner will be featured on the 2016 Theodore Roosevelt Annual Pass.

The complete entry rules and regulations will be available on the [TRNHA](http://trnha.gov) website. Stay tuned!

2014 Contestant Entry, B. Turner

PRESIDENTIAL PARKS

Presidents Day is February 16. This day gives us the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our U.S. Presidents. What better way to celebrate Presidents Day than by visiting a National Park site—like Theodore Roosevelt National Park—dedicated to one of our nations' leaders.

Today, the National Park Service cares for 408 sites in the United States and its territories. Sites under the administration of the NPS have many designations including National Park, National Monument, National Preserve, National Historic site, etc. Of the 408 units nearly 40 are dedicated to the history of the U.S. presidents. Theodore Roosevelt National Park is just one of the many park sites featuring our 26th president. Other sites, of various designations, include:

Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site
Sagamore Hill National Historic Site
Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site
Theodore Roosevelt Island National Memorial
Mount Rushmore National Memorial



Presidents and Parks Trivia

- 1) Who was president when the National Park Service was created in 1916?
- 2) Which presidents' faces are featured on Mount Rushmore National Memorial?
- 3) Who was president when Yellowstone was established as the first National Park?
- 4) What year did Theodore Roosevelt establish Devils Tower as the first National Monument?
- 5) Which U.S. president worked as a seasonal park ranger in the National Park Service?

Answers: 1) Woodrow Wilson; 2) Washington, Jefferson, T. Roosevelt, Lincoln; 3) Ulysses S. Grant; 4) 1906; 5) Gerald Ford

WINTER VIEWS

Winter is a time of change across the prairie and, while it is often noted for cold and snow, the weather can sometimes be surprising. Here is Prince Maximilian's perspective while staying as a guest with the Mandan in 1834:

The change of weather was extremely remarkable. During the night the [look] of the whole area changed in a striking manner. Over half the snow was gone. The whole prairie and hills were only spotted with snow; large stretches were bare of [it]. Rarely have I experienced such a fast change. The ground does not become as wet as it does in Europe when snow melts rapidly, because the eternally blowing winds here dry up the dampness right away.

- North American Journals of Prince Maximilian of Wied



If you can't experience the prairie in winter, you can catch our own *winter views* by visiting the Knife River Indian Villages NHS website. Visit www.nps.gov/knri/photosmultimedia/multimedia.htm to explore podcasts about life on the Northern Plains.

FEATURED PRODUCT



Between the ranching years and the presidency, Theodore Roosevelt was a Rough Rider. Our feature product celebrates this part of his legacy...

Theodore Roosevelt Bobblehead

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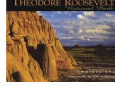
















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TRNP HORSE CONCESSION OWNERS RIDE INTO THE SUNSET

Shadow Country Outfitters offered its final trail rides in Theodore Roosevelt National Park on September 1, 2014. Shadow Country Outfitters have held the concession contract for guided horseback rides on park trails since 1997. The owners, Neil and Laura Tangen, decided to retire from the business at the end of the 2014 summer season.

The concession was operated out of the historic Peaceful Valley Ranch in the park's South Unit. "Shadow Country Outfitters offered a wonderful adventure for park visitors for many years," said Chief Ranger Dean Wyckoff. "The Tangens were passionate about providing a high quality trail riding experience and they will be missed. We wish them well."

Guided horseback rides are a tradition in many national parks. The rides began at Peaceful Valley Ranch in 1918 when the property was operated as a dude ranch and continued until the federal government purchased the ranch in 1936. Under federal ownership, the ranch housed Civilian Conservation Corps, Works Progress Administration, and Emergency Relief Administration staff during the Great Depression. The ranch served as headquarters when the park was established in 1947 until 1959, and was used as park housing until 1965. A horseback riding concession operated out of the ranch beginning in 1967. Peaceful Valley Ranch is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The park will soon begin several years of much needed repairs to the buildings, but does not have immediate plans to contract with another concessioner. Visitors may still experience the park on their own horses and trail rides are available in the town of Medora.



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Upcoming Events

March 8, 2015 — Daylight Saving Time returns, set your clocks forward

March 20, 2015 — Celebrate the first day of spring by visiting your public lands

April 18, 2015 — Submissions will be accepted for the annual
Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest

April 18-26, 2015 — National Park Week— Stay tuned for details!

June 7, 2015 — TRNHA Annual Birdwalk

EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

Inventory Specialist

TRNHA is seeking a full-time seasonal Inventory Specialist. This position is an excellent opportunity for someone who is independent, well organized and has strong social skills. The incumbent will have continuous contact with park visitors and National Park Service employees.

JOB PURPOSE: The inventory specialist is responsible for receiving, unloading, pricing, and stocking merchandise, as well as assisting park visitors with purchases. The position reports to the Operations Manager and will work primarily in the South Unit Visitor Center of Theodore Roosevelt National Park located in Medora.

LOCATION OF EMPLOYMENT: South Unit Visitor, Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The visitor center is located in Medora, North Dakota. (Applicants must have personal transportation.)

Application and complete job description available at:

www.trnha.org/employment.html

Painted Canyon Visitor Service Clerk

TRNHA is seeking a full-time seasonal Visitor Service Clerk. This position is an excellent opportunity for someone who is independent, well organized, and has strong social skills. The incumbent will have continuous contact with park visitors and National Park Service employees.

JOB PURPOSE: The visitor service clerk is responsible for staffing and operating a TRNHA bookstore at the Painted Canyon Visitor Center. The visitor service clerk will operate a cash register, manage bookstore inventory, and settle TRNHA funds. The position reports to the Executive Director and will work at the Painted Canyon Visitor Center of Theodore Roosevelt National Park located along Interstate 94.

LOCATION OF EMPLOYMENT: Painted Canyon Visitor Center, Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The visitor center is located on Interstate 94 approximately 7 miles east of Medora, North Dakota. (Applicants must have personal transportation.)

Application and complete job description available at:

www.trnha.org/employment.html

MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT:

All applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

SALARY: \$13.55 per hour

HOURS: Full time employment (40 hours/week) Work hours will be approximately 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

STARTING DATE: May 2015 (flexible)

ENDING DATE: August 30, 2015 (potential to be extended through September 30, 2015)

ALL INTERESTED APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT:

Resume
TRNHA Application

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION:

Submit applications to Tracy Larsen by e-mail at tlarsen@trnha.org or by mail at PO Box 167 Medora, ND, 58645



CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS

Theodore Roosevelt National Park will offer online reservations for camping beginning March 2, 2015. Online reservations will be accepted at the following locations available through recreation.gov

Roundup Group Horse Camp

Cottonwood Group Campsite

Juniper Group Campsite

Half of the general sites in Cottonwood Campground



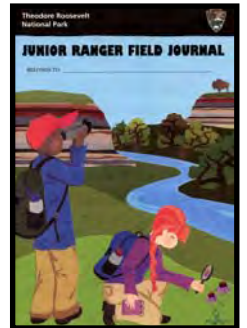
The remainder of sites at Cottonwood Campground and the entire Juniper Campground will continue to be available on a first come basis.

For more information and to view the official news release please visit the national park website at www.nps.gov/thro/parknews/newsreleases.htm

JUNIOR RANGER FIELD JOURNAL RECIEVES RECOGNITION

It is our pleasure to announce that Theodore Roosevelt National Park's Junior Ranger Journal has received Honorable Mention from the Association of Partners for Public Lands in the category of Publication of Year for an organization with an annual revenue below \$1,500,000.

The Publication of the Year Award recognizes a book or other publication created in partnership by a nonprofit organization and a public land that embodies innovation in educating and interpreting public lands to its readers and impacts a substantial audience. Two awards are given annually based on the annual revenue of the nonprofit public lands partner that helped develop the product.



TRNHA would like to thank the staff at Theodore Roosevelt National Park for their diligence and hard work in creating this successful publication. Congratulations!

If you would like to become a Junior Ranger and receive your free copy of the Junior Ranger Field Journal contact the South Unit Visitor Center at 701-623-4466 x 1417.

2015 PHOTO CONTEST



2013 Winner by Kim Wehner

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For complete submission guidelines please see our website at: www.trnha.org

SPRING...

The first day of spring is Friday March 20. Spring means many things in the national parks but one thing it means to wildlife watchers is - baby animals! Here are some of the animals to look out for while visiting Theodore Roosevelt National Park this spring and summer:



Species	Born	Baby Name	Number Born	Birth
Bighorn Sheep	mid April - June	Lamb	1	8-10 lbs
Bison	mid April - June	Calf	1	40-50 lbs
Elk	late May - June	Calf	1	35-40 lbs
Mule Deer	late May - late June	Fawn	2	8 lbs
Pronghorn	late May - late June	Fawn	2	8 lbs

Critter Clues: Whose tracks are those?



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ANSWERS: 1 Mule Deer; 2 Bighorn Sheep; 3 Elk; 4 Pronghorn; 5 Bison

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While supply lasts!

Bison once roamed the plains of North America numbering in the millions. Today you can find herds scattered throughout many national parks including Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Our feature product celebrates this prairie nomad...

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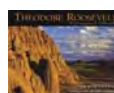
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June 7, 2015 TRNHA Annual Birdwalk

NATIONAL PARK WEEK

National Park Week is April 18-26. It is a celebration of American heritage and the 400+ National Park Service sites. Enjoy the splendor of our National Parks, Monuments, Preserves, and Historic Sites by celebrating these events in the upcoming week. Visit www.nps.gov/npweek/ to learn more about National Park Week.

National Park Fee Free Days — April 18 & 19

National Junior Ranger Day — April 18

45th Annual Earth Day — April 22

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SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Knife River Indian Villages NHS will be hosting a spring photography workshop May 9, 2015.

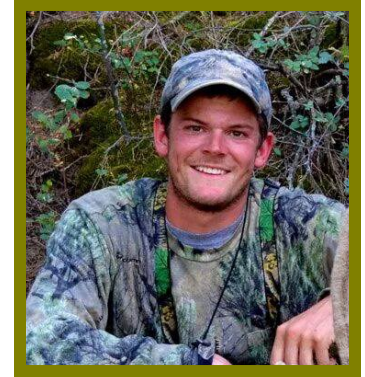
Whether you are a professional or just getting started, join the group for the practical application of photographic lessons. All camera formats are welcome!

Workshop hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CDT on May 9th. For more information and to register please contact 701-745-3300.



A FEATURE INTERVIEW WITH ARTIST, *CHUCK BLACK*

Wildlife enthusiast and artist, Chuck Black, has been hanging out around Theodore Roosevelt National Park for years doing exactly what he loves is working with wildlife and being inspired by the landscape and animals around North Dakota. You might recognize Black's work as a featured part of last year's 60th Annual TRNHA Birdwalk or from the 2013 Colorado Duck Stamp. Recently, we caught up with Chuck and asked him a few questions about his artwork:



How would you describe your artwork?

I would describe my artwork as the way I express my love and passion for wildlife and the outdoors. My style is typically realistic, but I oftentimes like to stretch the boundaries of realism and use my creativity to keep it fun and interesting. Much of my art in the past has been focused on the wildlife itself; however I'm trying to take a new direction with it. I want to capture the American outdoor traditions that many of us share and I think you'll see my artwork make some drastic changes in the near future.

How did you get started?

I'd say that I got started as an artist in elementary school. I have fond memories of always drawing in my notebooks and never paying attention in class. Throughout grade school it became more of an addiction to draw whenever I could. I think overtime I realized that I really loved what I was doing and began to approach it more seriously when I was in high school. I took advantage of any art class in school that I could take. Then through college I eventually began starting to dabble with paint and it didn't take long for it to take over as my favorite medium to work in.

What inspires you most?

The outdoors inspires me as an artist. I often tell people that I'm not passionate about art. I'm passionate about wildlife and art is just a way that I can express that. I've been an outdoor enthusiast all my life and I also have my degree in wildlife biology. I spend my 40 hour work week in the backcountry most of the time, and that's where my true inspiration comes from. I've loved realistic art most of my life, however I'm trying to move towards simply capturing the love of the outdoors in my work and not worrying about the realism as I create. I really just want outdoor lovers like myself to be able to relate their own experiences to my art. I think you'll see my artwork going through a lot of changes in the next couple years to come.

What is your favorite season in the badlands?

My favorite season in the badlands is undoubtedly the fall. For starters the weather is usually great for getting out to hike, but the wildlife this time of year is what I love most. Beginning with the bison rut in August, the elk in September, and the deer in October/November, the badlands just comes alive with wildlife activity. I love getting into the backcountry during that time of year as you can witness some amazing things at any given time of day. My most fond memories of being outdoors are the ones I have of being miles off trail on cool November days in the badlands; I'll never get tired of that.



Chuck Black's artwork is currently available for sale in the South Unit Visitor Center and on-line at www.wildlifeandart.com, where you can see some of Black's work and learn about his conservation message!

APRIL SHOWERS...

Grassland biomes are divided according to their variations in temperature and precipitation. There are tropical grasslands and temperate grasslands. In our temperate grasslands, specifically mixed grass prairie, April is the beginning of the most significant months for precipitation. The precipitation we get affects the plants, animals, and, yes, even visitors. For temperate grasslands, the annual precipitation measures 10 to 30 inches (25 to 75 centimeters). Theodore Roosevelt National Park receives annual average precipitation of 15 inches each year.



Temperate Grassland Theodore Roosevelt NP

Match the names of temperate grasslands around the world to their approximate region:

Veldt

Pampas

Steppe

Prairie



Answers: Pampas—South America, Prairie—North America, Steppe—Asia, Veldt—Africa

Sources: <http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/habitats/grassland-profile/>
http://www.botany.wisc.edu/courses/botany_422/Lecture/pdf/Grasslands1.pdf

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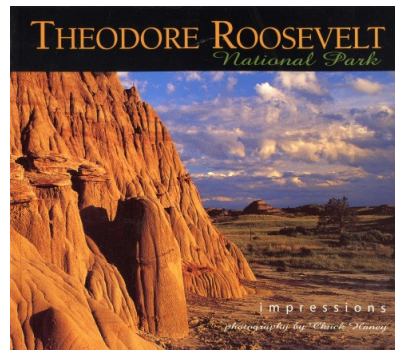
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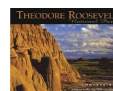
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61ST ANNUAL BIRDWALK AND CHUCK WAGON BREAKFAST

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The leisurely one-hour stroll begins at 6:30 a.m. MDT and is for novice and experienced birders alike. Participants should meet at the Cottonwood Campground registration area. Each year, 40-50 species are observed during this popular outing and during the last 20 years over 80 different species have been sighted.



Following the walk, at approximately 8:00 a.m., the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association will host its annual Chuck Wagon Breakfast at the Cottonwood Campground Picnic Area. The menu includes buttermilk pancakes, country sausage, cowboy coffee and juice. We will be charging a small fee to help defray expenses of the meal. Those interested in attending the breakfast are encouraged to make reservations in order to assist in planning the event.

Participants should bring binoculars, field guides, and keen eyes to help record the day's sightings. To make reservations for the breakfast, call 701-623-4884 or e-mail info@trnha.org.

Visitor Center Hours

Theodore Roosevelt National Park
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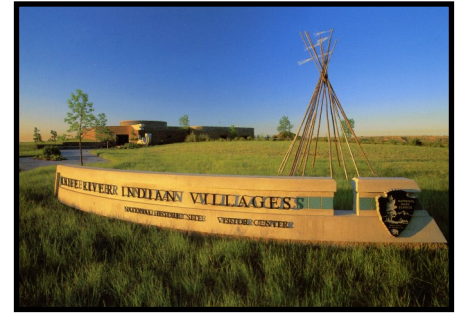
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Upcoming Events

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| May 1 | Painted Canyon Visitor Center opens for the season |
| May 9 | Spring Photography Workshop, Knife River Indian Villages NHS |
| June 7 | TRNHA Annual Birdwalk , Theodore Roosevelt NP |
| June 20 | 4th Annual Knap-In , Knife River Indian Villages NHS |

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP AT KNIFE RIVER INDIAN VILLAGES

Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site will host the eighth annual photography workshop on Saturday, May 09. The workshop will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Central Time. Participants should meet at the park visitor center, located a half mile north of Stanton, North Dakota. Brian Kerns of Stanton will be leading the workshop.



Brian is a professional web developer and graphic designer. He will discuss the aesthetics of different photography styles and answer your technical questions. Participants will then head out into the field to discover the grounds at the park and areas surround the park. Be prepared to have fun while improving your photography skills through group interaction.

People of all ages and experiences are invited to attend the workshop and all camera formats are welcome. Participants do not need to pre-register for the workshop and there is no admission fee. Photographers are encouraged to wear appropriate shoes for hiking, and outerwear suitable for spring weather. Participants may bring a sack lunch or purchase lunch locally in Stanton. For more information, please contact the park at 701-745-3300.

BIRDING TIPS

Here are some beginner birding tips from National Parks across the country:

Research - Become familiar with the birds in your area, take a look on-line, in your field guide, and ask for a common birds checklist at your local visitor center (Over the course of the year, over 180 species of birds can be seen around the 3 units of Theodore Roosevelt National Park!)

Prepare - Bring binoculars, a good field guide, and a pen and notebook (to keep track of your birding observations)

Practice - Spot a bird with your eyes and bring binoculars up to your eyes without moving your head while keeping the bird in sight

Bird - While you are in the field, maintain your distance, keep quite & listen for bird calls

Know the Rules - Make sure you are not harassing wildlife or encroaching on the management of species with special status

Have Fun!

Sources: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/learn/nature/birding-tips.htm>;
<http://www.nps.gov/bisc/learn/nature/birding.htm>; <http://www.nps.gov/thro/learn/nature/animals.htm>

MEADOWLARK

Western meadowlarks have returned from their annual migration, from the southwestern United States and Mexico to their northern seasonal breeding grounds, including Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages NHS.

About the Western Meadowlark

- forage for seeds and insects
- open or grass-covered nests on the ground
- state bird of KS, MT, ND, NE, OR, & WY
- known for its melodic song

One of our sweetest, loudest songsters is the meadowlark; this I could hardly get used to at first, for it looks exactly like the Eastern meadow-lark, which utters nothing but a harsh, disagreeable chatter. But the plains air seems to give it a voice, and it will perch on the top of a bush or tree and sing for hours in rich, bubbling tones.



Hunting Trips of a Ranchman by Theodore Roosevelt

PHOTO CONTEST



Photo Contestant D. Rummel

If you are planning a trip to Theodore Roosevelt National Park bring your camera and submit your photos to the 2015 Photo Contest. Photos must depict any natural, cultural or historic subject found within the park. Submit up to two photos through Monday August, 31 2015.

The winning photograph will be featured on the 2016 Theodore Roosevelt National Park Annual Pass. For complete submission guidelines please see the TRNHA website at www.trnha.org

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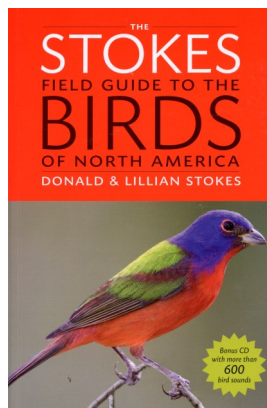
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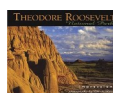
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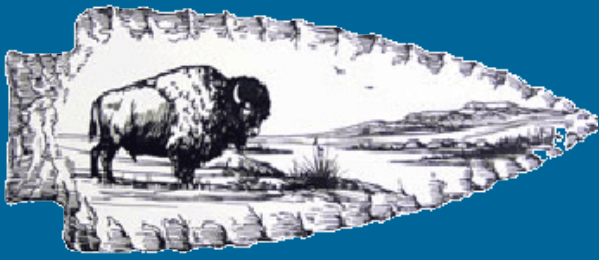
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TWO GREEN THUMBS UP

Memorial Day came early this year, and summer mode has officially kicked-in around Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Visitor centers have extended hours, seasonal staff are working round the clock, and visitation is steadily increasing. In spite of this busy time, TRNHA and NPS staff recently teamed up to give a facelift to the Native Garden at the front of the South Unit Visitor Center. Weeds were picked and wood chips were laid down. New native plants will be added over the course of the year. The garden work was completed in one afternoon with the help of a lot of staff members. The revamping of the native garden was made possible thanks to the funds raised through TRNHA book sales and membership donations. The end result is a beautiful, clean, and welcoming sight. We give the new Native Garden two green thumbs up!



Before



After

This project was made possible thanks to membership donations. To learn how you can become a member visit: www.trnha.org/membership.html

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Upcoming Events

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July 7 Kids Camp, Each Tuesday in July, Knife River Indian Villages NHS

July 10 TRNHA Teddy Bear Picnic, Theodore Roosevelt National Park

NORTH UNIT VISITOR CENTER

The National Park Service (NPS) has identified four potential building site alternatives in an Environmental Assessment for visitor center replacement in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The park abandoned the former visitor center in 2013 because of recurring structural issues. The replacement facility will be the same size as the previous building, but will have only one level. Three of the four sites are in close proximity to the abandoned building location and the fourth site is located 700 feet to the west. The park has not established a preferred alternative.



Federal agencies use Environmental Assessments to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. These documents are valuable planning tools that describe why a project is needed, explore a reasonable range of alternatives, and analyze impacts to park natural and cultural resources and values. Mitigation measures can be employed when unacceptable impacts are determined in the analysis. The public is encouraged to provide input on the project and the four alternative locations evaluated in the document. Tentatively, at least one public meeting will be scheduled for mid-June to allow the public to ask questions of park staff and provide input for the final site selection.

During the summer of 2014, a temporary visitor center was located six miles from the park's North Unit entrance in the Juniper Campground. The replacement project will take several years to complete and the park is currently installing two trailers at the park's entrance to provide visitor services and administrative offices. Communication equipment and electricity are being installed and the temporary facility is expected to be operational in July.

"It is important that we hear from the public during the planning process to replace the failed North Unit Visitor Center," said Acting Superintendent Wendy Ross. "The park is an essential recreational component of the greater Watford City, Williston, and Dickinson communities. We look forward to completing a project that will meet the needs of a growing and diverse population."

To view the Environmental Assessment on line, please visit the National Park Service Planning, Environment and Public Comment website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/THRO>. The website provides links to view the document and attachments prepared for this project. The website also provides instructions on how to submit comments in the public comment database. The public comment period will begin May 18 and end June 19, 2015. If you are unable to view the documents or provide comments on or before June 19 and still desire to do so, please notify the park to request and extension. Comments may be submitted directly on the database website or may be sent via letter to: Superintendent, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, P.O. Box 7, Medora, ND 58645.

TRNHA SUMMER EVENTS

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When: June 7, 2015 Birdwalk at 6:30 a.m. MT; Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. MT

Where: Birdwalk at Cottonwood Campground Registration Area; Breakfast at Cottonwood Campground Picnic Area, Theodore Roosevelt National Park South Unit

Contact: TRNHA at 701-623-4884 or info@trnha.org for more information or to make reservations for breakfast

NATIONAL TEDDY BEAR PICNIC DAY

Bring your own teddy bear and join us for an afternoon of fun! A light lunch will be provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The picnic is free but park entrance fees will apply. RSVP not required but is appreciated.



When: July 10, 2015 at 12:30 MT

Where: Cottonwood Campground Picnic Area, Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Contact: TRNHA at 701-623-4884 or info@trnha.org for more information

PHOTO CONTEST

Start snapping! Submit photos of your trip through Theodore Roosevelt National Park to the 2015 Photo Contest. The winning photograph will be featured on the 2016 Theodore Roosevelt National Park Annual Pass.

When: Deadline for entries is August 31, 2015

Where: Photo depicting subjects found within the park, must be submitted on-line

Contact: Visit our website at www.trnha.org for complete submission guidelines

PRESCRIBED BURN



Smoke from a prescribed burn in Theodore Roosevelt National Park as seen from Interstate 94

During the second and third weeks of May, the weather was just right for a prescribed burn. Vegetation was burned in the North Unit and South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. As Acting Superintendent Wendy Ross stated in a press release, "Careful prescribed fire application combined with regulation of bison, elk, and feral horse populations is an important vegetation and habitat management tool. Natural fire episodes are essential for native species growth and ecosystem balance in the Little Missouri Badlands."

In the months following the burn, those areas burned will begin to show signs of new, fresh, and healthy vegetation growth. The benefits of the burn will be apparent and easy to see around the Painted Canyon parking lot, right off the Interstate 94, and is well worth checking out when you are passing by this summer.

Learn more about prescribed fires:

<http://www.nps.gov/fire/wildland-fire/learning-center/fire-in-depth/prescribed-fire.cfm>

TIPS FOR DAY HIKING

Plan - Know your own limits and plan your route with a map and GPS accordingly; then let someone else know exactly where you are going.

Pack - The heaviest things in your pack should be plenty of water and high energy snacks. One quart of water per hour per person is generally a good amount.

Pay Attention - Before you set out on the trail, check the weather and trail conditions at the nearest visitor center. During your time on the trail, keep an eye out for local plants, animals, or terrain that may pose a safety threat.

Enjoy your public lands!

For hiking tips specific to Theodore Roosevelt National Park visit:

www.nps.gov/thro/planyourvisit/trail-and-hiking-safety.htm

Sources: <http://www.nps.gov/thro/planyourvisit/>; <http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/>; <http://www.nps.gov/badl/planyourvisit/>



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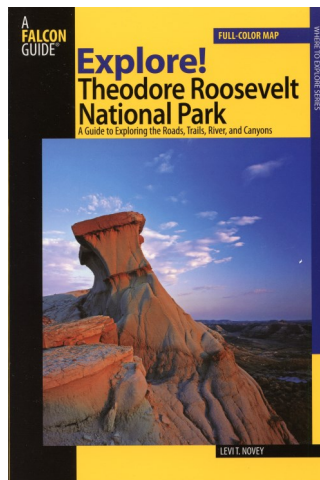
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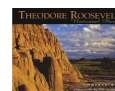
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Aug 25 National Park Service 99th Birthday!

Aug 31 TRNHA Annual Photo Contest submission deadline

SUPERINTENDENT SELECTED AT TRNP

Wendy Ross, a 21-year veteran of the National Park Service (NPS), has been selected as the new Superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Ross has served as the Superintendent of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site in Stanton, North Dakota since April 2011. She spent the last eight months as the Acting Superintendent at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Ross begins her new assignment July 12, 2015.

"I am pleased to welcome Wendy Ross as the next Superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park," stated Midwest Regional Director Cameron Sholly. "Wendy is an outstanding leader and will do a tremendous job in this position. She has a great blend of experiences and a proven track record of solving complex problems through innovation and relationship building."

Ross said, "I have an intense personal connection to Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Like President Roosevelt, I found solace in the badlands when I was young and impressionable. My father's ashes rest among the colorful buttes overlooking the Little Missouri River at Wind Canyon. Words cannot express how honored I am to manage this magnificent landscape."



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Born in Tacoma, Washington, Ross earned her Bachelor of Arts in Northern Studies through Middlebury College in Vermont. Ross began her NPS career as an Air Quality Technician and later became a Visitor Use Assistant at Yellowstone National Park. She served as a Resource Management Specialist at Shiloh National Military Park, North Cascades National Park Complex, and Glacier National Park. She was a Management Assistant at Glacier National Park before becoming Superintendent at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. Prior to her NPS career, Ross served as a Peace Corps Volunteer, facilitating an agricultural loan program for rural farmers in Radawana, Sri Lanka. As a result, she speaks the Sinhalese language fluently.

Ross is married to Scott Ross, a journeyman electrician and native of Cheyenne, Wyoming. They are avid outdoor enthusiasts and enjoy spending time skiing, biking, hiking, fishing and camping.

A BIRDWALK THANK YOU

For the past 61 years TRNHA has hosted our annual birdwalk the first Sunday in June. History shows that not one walk in the past 61 years has been cancelled. Birders have counted birds in rain, snow, and sunshine. Thankfully this year we had beautiful weather which lead to yet another successful Birdwalk. Over 63 people were able to join us and together we counted 43 species of birds around the Cottonwood Campground. We'd like to extend a big THANK YOU to those who continue to support our annual birdwalk. We can't wait to see what next year brings!



This was one of the funnest days I've ever had. I saw 24 different birds, a bison 20 feet from our campsite. The breakfast was absolutely delicious. Coming to Theodore Roosevelt National Park is always an adventure that's never the same thing twice. I love coming here with my family.

- Ethan Hirschfeld , Age 12

PHOTO CONTEST DEADLINE AUGUST 31

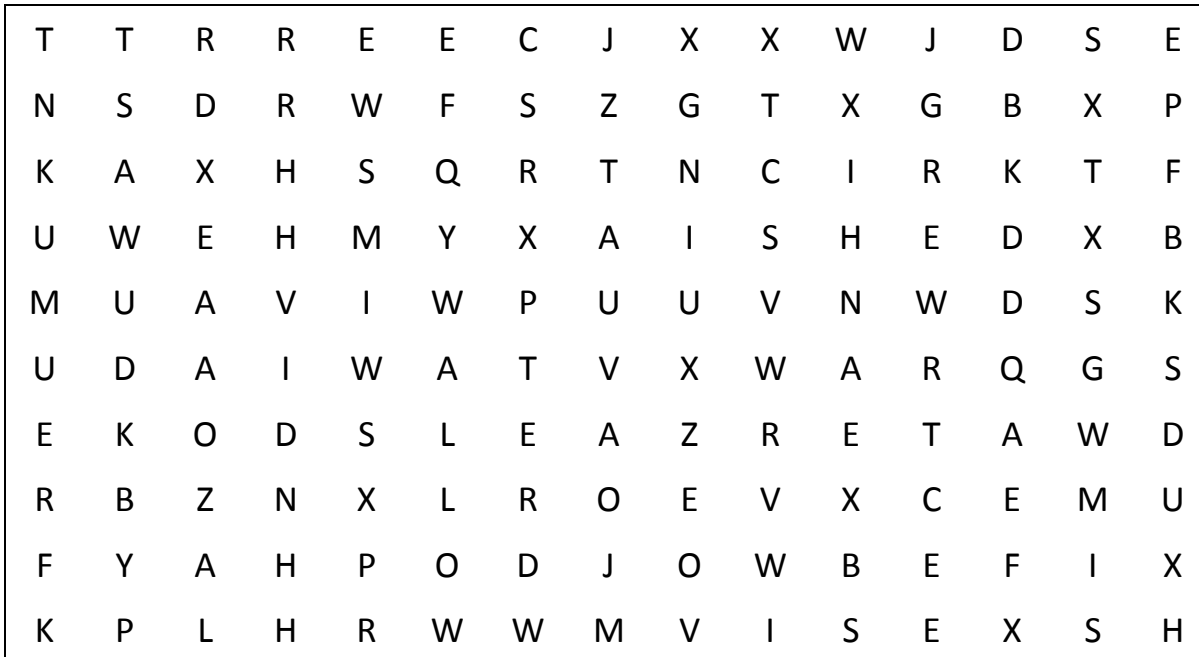
Start snapping! Submit photos of your trip through Theodore Roosevelt National Park to the 2015 Photo Contest. The winning photograph will be featured on the 2016 Theodore Roosevelt National Park Annual Pass.

When: Deadline for entries is August 31, 2015

Where: Photo depicting subjects found within the park, must be submitted on-line

Contact: Visit our website at www.trnha.org for complete submission guidelines

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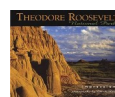
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THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATURE & HISTORY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

August 2015

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU - TRAIL CREWS!

Theodore Roosevelt National Park has been fortunate to have several trail crews working on trail improvement projects throughout the summer. Summer-long SCA trail crews have been working throughout the South Unit; their projects included the Ridgeline Nature Trail, Wind Canyon Nature Trail, and the Painted Canyon Nature Trail. Several short-term volunteer crews (including a crew from Badger Quest) have been working in the North Unit; their projects included the Achenbach Trail and others. The amazing work these crews have put forth have some of our most popular trails looking good! As the summer comes to an end we want to wish all of our crew members best wishes and happy trails...

Photo: The improved trailhead to the Ridgeline Nature Trail, TRNP South Unit



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Upcoming Events

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| August 22 | Painted Canyon hours change to - 9:00 am – 4:30 pm MT |
| August 25 | NPS Founder's Day |
| August 31 | TRNHA Photo Contest Deadline |
| Sept 11-13 | Astronomy Festival, Theodore Roosevelt NP |
| Sept 26 | Fall Photography Workshop, Knife River Indian Village NHS |

ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST DEADLINE: AUGUST 31

If you are planning a trip to Theodore Roosevelt National Park bring your camera and submit your photos to the 2015 Photo Contest. Photos must depict any natural, cultural or historic subject found within the park. Submit up to two photos through Monday, August, 31 2015.

The winning photograph will be featured on the 2016 Theodore Roosevelt National Park Annual Pass. For complete submission guidelines please see the TRNHA website at www.trnha.org.



2013 Finalist T. Wheaten

FOUNDERS' DAY: NPS TURNS 99



Tuesday, August 25, marks another Founders' Day and the 99th anniversary of the National Park Service. On this day you can expect free entrance to all National Park Service Sites, so you can visit the National Park Site nearest you. Although this day marks 99 years of accomplishments preserving the natural and cultural resources of the nation, it also begins our count down to the big Centennial for the National Park Service. In the coming year, we will be keeping an eye out for special celebrations, events, and other things recognizing 100 years of the NPS.

FINDYOURPARK

ASTRONOMY FESTIVAL COMING SOON!



Theodore Roosevelt National Park will host its third annual Astronomy Festival September 11-13, 2015. Activities and events include model rocket building and launching, a build your own telescope workshop, and special presentations by guest speakers.

Each evening will be capped with a special presentation at the Cottonwood Campground Amphitheater followed by telescope viewing and constellations tours at Peaceful Valley Ranch.

For a complete schedule of events see the National Park Service website at: www.nps.gov/thro/learn/nature/dakota-nights-festival.htm

EVERY KID IN A PARK!

To help engage and create our next generation of park visitors, supporters and advocates, the National Park Service is kicking off the Every Kid in a Park initiative. The immediate goal is to provide an opportunity for each and every 4th grade student across the country to experience their public lands and waters in person throughout the 2015-2016 school year.

Soon, you will have access to your own Every Kid in a Park pass. This pass will give you free access to national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges, and more!

The Every Kid in a Park pass will be available for the 2015-2016 school year.

CHECK OUT THESE KIDS IN THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK!

The most recent North Unit Backcountry Work Crew included 7 Cub Scouts, 3 Cub Scout Leaders, and "Hadley" - the smallest human in the attached photo, all signed up as Volunteers except for Hadley who functioned strictly as the Crew Boss. The crew worked with Backcountry Ranger John Heiser on the SE section of Caprock Coulee Trail, building steps, working on water bars, carrying dirt & gravel for said projects- one crew member specialized in cutting Canada thistle which is growing adjacent to the trail. Their objective as Scouts included Leave No Trace principle. Ranger John also discussed badlands plants & wildlife with the group.



July 10, 2015 - Once again TRNHA had a great turn out for the annual Teddy Bear Picnic in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. With children, parents, and Smokey Bear joining the TRNHA staff, we had a great lunch, played games, and had plenty of teddy bears for our participants to adopt!

July 21, 2015 - This year our North Unit adventure had just a few participants, but they were full of knowledge and enthusiasm. We had a great day, playing games and hiking with a park ranger.

Special thanks to everyone who makes our annual picnic and events possible, from financial supporters to staff and participants!



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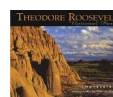
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September 2015

ASTRONOMY FESTIVAL



On Friday night, September 11 at 7:00 p.m., Dr. Craig Howe, director of the Center for American Indian Research and Native Studies, will present *Lakota Star Knowledge*, a film and talk held in the Cottonwood Campground Amphitheater. This presentation kicks off the third annual Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival, a weekend full of special presentations and activities held in and around the south unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and historic Medora.

For more information and a complete festival schedule, visit www.nps.gov/thro/learn/nature/dakota-nights-festival.htm.

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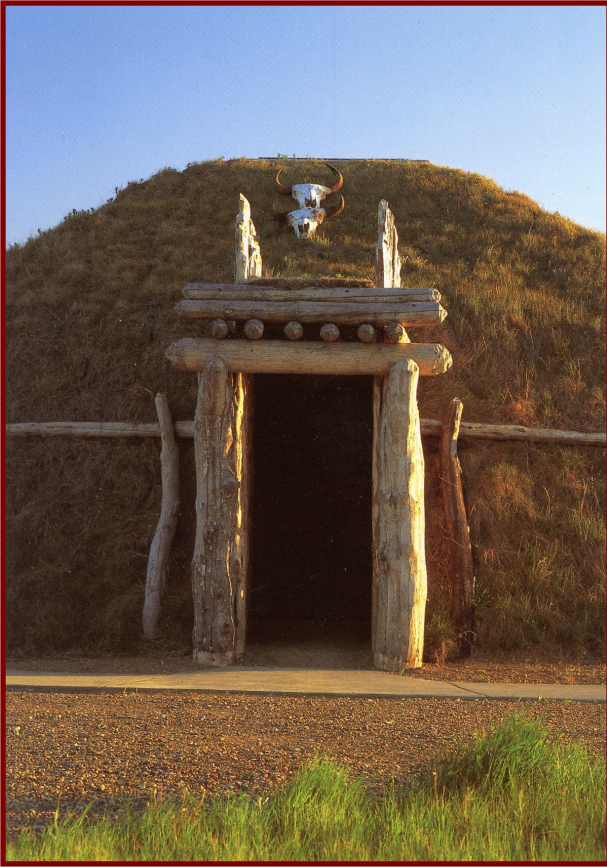
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Upcoming Events

Sept 7	Labor Day
Sept 11-13	Astronomy Festival, Theodore Roosevelt NP
Sept 23	Autumnal Equinox—First Day of Fall
Sept 26	Fall Photography Workshop, Knife River Indian Village NHS
Sept 26	National Public Lands Day—Free Entry to all NPS Sites

KNIFE RIVER RECIEVES PINNACLE AWARD



Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site has been awarded the coveted Pinnacle Award for the 2014-2015 school year. The Pinnacle Award is presented annually by the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC), to organizations that receive outstanding scores on program evaluations submitted by participating educators. The CILC is recognized nationally and internationally as the leader in content aggregation, consulting and support services that assist organizations with the utilization of videoconferencing and other collaborative technologies.

The CILC Pinnacle Award is a way for educators to let program providers know they are doing a great job. Knife River Indian Villages NHS programs were given a rating of "Exceptional," and were recommended by 98% of the participating educators who completed an evaluation.

A GRAND REOPENING

If you have been following the news around TRNHA, you know the sad story of the North Unit Visitor Center. The North Unit Visitor Center, near Watford City, has been closed since last fall. However, that story has taken a turn for the better. This month, we are happy to announce that the temporary North Unit Visitor Center, complete with TRNHA sales outlet, is officially open daily from 10-3p.m. CT. If you haven't been to the North Unit this year, September is a great time to visit the new temporary visitor center (and enjoy the wild landscape!)



BECOME A VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBER!

Do you love Theodore Roosevelt NP, Knife River Indian Villages NHS, and/or Upper Souris NWR? Do you want to share your passion for these parks while helping TRNHA support them? If so we may be looking for you! TRNHA is looking for candidates to serve on our Board of Directors. Our organization is governed by a seven member volunteer board of directors who is elected by our membership. Each newly elected board member will serve a 3 year term. We have 3 board positions which will be up for election in late October.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can add your name to our election ballot contact Tracy at 701-623-4884 or info@trnha.org by September 30, 2015.

Director Expectations

1. Attend 3-4 board meetings per year
2. Board members should recognize the legal and ethical responsibility they hold to ensure that the organization does the best work possible in pursuit of its mission.
3. Make a serious commitment to participate in association and park activities.
4. Stays informed about TRNHA matters, prepares themselves well for meetings, and reviews and comments on minutes and reports.
5. Gets to know other fellow board members, park partners, and TRNHA staff and builds a solid working relationship. Work in good faith with staff and other board members as partners toward achievement of our goals.
6. Actively interpret the organization's work and values to the community, represent the organization, and act as a spokesperson.
7. All board members are required to be a member of TRNHA.

HOPPING INTO A NEW SEASON: RUBBER RABBITBRUSH



There are many ways to tell that the summer season is winding down around Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The annual astronomy festival is on our minds, interns return to their college schedules, and, across the dusty badlands and browning grasses, rubber rabbitbrush begins to steal the show.

Name: Rubber Rabbitbrush (*Chrysothamnus nauseosus*)

Height: 1-3 foot (or taller!)

Description: branched shrub with straight, narrow, alternate leaves, and clusters of small, yellow flowers

Habitat: found on dry slopes, thrives in clay soils

Uses: By Native Americans for yellow dye and medicinal tea; by large mammals for winter forage; by small mammals (like jackrabbits) and birds for cover

Sources: Sisk, Robert and Jan Tysdal-Sisk. Common Plants of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Richtman's Printing. ND. 2000. Scheinost, P.L., J. Scianna, D.G. Ogle. 2010. Plant fact sheet for rubber rabbitbrush (*Ericameria nauseosa*). USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Pullman Plant Materials Center, Pullman, WA.

EVERY KID IN A PARK!



Medora, ND – Theodore Roosevelt National Park invites all 4th grade students to visit the park for free as part of the White House’s new Every Kid in a Park program. Starting September 1, 4th grade students can now go to the Every Kid in a Park website to complete an activity and obtain a free

annual entry pass to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks.

“During the National Park Service’s centennial celebration, we want everyone to get to know their national parks, and we’re offering a special invitation to fourth graders and their families to discover everything that national parks offer,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. “We hope these free passes for fourth graders will introduce 4th graders, their classes, and families to our national treasures, places where they can run and play, explore and learn.”

Theodore Roosevelt National Park offers a variety of activities that fourth graders and their families can enjoy, including the annual Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival on September 11 - 13, a Junior Ranger Program,

astronomy programs and full moon hikes during the summer, and Family Fun Packs to borrow.

To receive their free pass for national parks, fourth graders can visit www.everykidinapark.gov and play a game to receive a pass voucher. Fourth graders and their families can then exchange the voucher for the free pass, which will provide entry to national parks and other federal public lands and waters across the country from September 1st, 2015 through August 31, 2016. The website also includes fun and engaging learning activities aligned to educational standards, trip planning tools, safety and packing tips and other important and helpful information for educators and parents.

In addition to providing every fourth grader in America a free entry pass for national parks and federal public lands and waters, fourth grade educators, youth group leaders and their students across the country will also participate in the program through field trips and other learning experiences. Theodore Roosevelt National Park’s website features a virtual tour of Theodore Roosevelt’s Maltese Cross Cabin, curriculum materials, and field trip guides for educators.

The goal of the Every Kid in a Park program is to connect 4th graders with the great outdoors and inspire them to become future environmental stewards, ready to preserve and protect national parks and other public lands for years to come. The program is an important part of the National Park Service’s centennial celebration in 2016, which encourages everyone to Find Your Park.

Every Kid in a Park is an administrative-wide effort, launched by President Obama, and supported by eight federal agencies, including the National Park Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Education, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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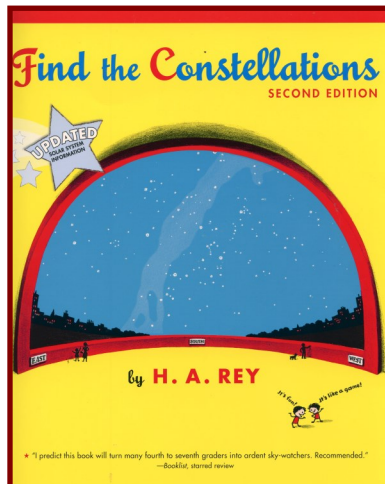
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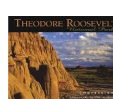
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TRNHA NEWSLETTER

Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association Monthly E-Newsletter

October 2015

Lifeways of the Northern Plains

Lifeways of the Northern Plains transformed Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site into an outdoor classroom, making history come alive for students studying North Dakota history on September 15, 16, 17 & 18, 2015. The 2015 event had a record setting attendance of 1,430 students from all across North Dakota.

The week's success can be attributed in large part to the direct support of the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association (TRNHA). With TRNHA's support, the park was able to provide the following materials and presenters:

Groups of students rotated through six different activity stations in the course of their 4-hour visits. Students visited a full-scale earthlodge and learned about life in the traditional Hidatsa dwelling. Keith Bear, a renowned Mandan-Hidatsa flute player and storyteller, played a variety of his personal hand-made flutes, and described the role of the flute in Mandan-Hidatsa tribal life. Chris Floyd, a historical reenactor, explained the importance of sign language used on the Northern Plains, and taught the students how to sign many words. Medallions of the Thunderbird symbol were provided to each of the students. Purposes for the medallion and stories of the Thunderbird were told as students exercised their artistic flair by decorating their own medallions to take home with them. Park Rangers assisted students with reconstructing the foundational wooden framework of a kid-sized earthlodge. Finally, the students enjoyed trying their hand at throwing the atlatl, a prehistoric hunting tool, which was one of the highlights of the day.

Teachers praised the program:

"That was the best field trip ever. I absolutely loved the excursion. Can't wait to do it again next year... What a great way to get the kids involved!!!!"

"My students loved all the stations and talked about it on the way home. (Lifeways) is so organized and appropriate for their grade level."

This year was the 10-year anniversary of the program which has grown from a one-day event to four days.



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 26

Happy Birthday
Knife River Indian Villages
NHS

October 27

Happy Birthday
Theodore Roosevelt

October 31

Medora Annual Craft Fair
Happy Halloween

November 6

Medora Hunter Feed

December 4

Cowboy Christmas
Photo Contest Awards



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It's a new season, a perfect opportunity to something new, something bold, something beautiful!

Dakota Nights

TRNHA was excited to have an opportunity to assist TRNP by funding several aspects of the Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival. Funds raised from bookstore and membership sales were used to purchase equipment, pay for speakers, and much more.



Dakota Nights kicked off on September 11th with buses bringing students to the park. TRNHA used funds to pay for buses to bring fourth grade students from three public schools in Dickinson to the park. Rangers led programs taught the children about our solar system and the night sky.

DAKOTA NIGHTS!

Here's a quick overview of just some of the many things we did during our 3rd Annual Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The weather was fantastic, and the atmosphere was full of excitement. We're already planning for next year.



Mark your calendar for next year

SEPTEMBER

23-24

ATTENTION EDUCATORS!

Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site provide a great opportunity for your students to get a hands on experience while learning about ecology, geology, and history. Educational resources are available on park websites. Educational groups are eligible to apply for a fee waiver and receive free entry into the National Park.



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<http://www.nps.gov/thro/learn/education>

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- **Tools to Plan a Field Trip**
- **Virtual Tours**
- **Professional Development**



KNIFE RIVER INDIAN VILLAGES NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

<http://www.nps.gov/knri/learn/education>

- **Curriculum Materials**: Bring Knife River Indian Villages to your students. Review their ever growing curriculum and other educational materials.
- **Distance Learning**: Just because you can't visit doesn't mean your students can't experience it. Knife River offers distance learning via the internet.
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- **Professional Development**



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

<http://www.nps.gov/teachers/index.htm>

The National Park Service also offers a page where you can search by park, subject, grade level, or common core standards. We encourage you to explore the resources that are currently available and to help your students FIND YOUR PARK!



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Photo Contest Finalist to be Celebrated

America's National Parks are world renown for possessing some of the most compelling historical and natural environments ever captured on film. With an incredible combination of wildlife and scenic landscapes Theodore Roosevelt National Park is one of America's best. The park has teamed up with TRNHA to once again bring you a beautiful glimpse into what the park has to offer. Visitors were asked to submit their best photos of the park to the Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park photo contest. 64 photos were submitted and the winning photo will be featured on the 2016 Annual park pass.



The National Park Service and TRNHA are pleased to announce that we have narrowed it down to 12 finalist. Finalists were selected by a panel of judges and the winner will be announced at the South Unit Visitor Center in Medora on December 5, 2015.

We would like to invite you to join us as we recognize the finalist and announce the winner at 2:00 pm on December 5th in the theater of the National Park visitor center. The top twelve photos will be on display in the visitor center throughout the weekend of Medora's Annual Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas and will be featured in a 2015 calendar, which will go on sale that day. All finalists will be recognized and receive a signed certificate of appreciation from the park superintendent. TRNHA will award the top 4 finalists with prizes they have donated. Hope to see you there.

Visit our facebook page to help choose a fan favorite!

<https://www.facebook.com/TheodoreRooseveltNHA>

Here is your chance to choose your favorite photo that was submitted to this year's contest. While judges will be choosing the contest winner, we want to give you a chance to choose your favorite. The photo that receives the most likes as of 1:50pm on Dec. 5, 2015 will be awarded fan favorite.

Here's how it works.

1. Click like on your favorite photo or photos (as many as you want)
2. Invite your friends to come and choose their favorite.
3. Wait until Dec. 5th at 2:00 pm to find out which photo wins fan favorite.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 6

Medora Hunter Feed

November 26

Visitor Centers will be closed for Thanksgiving

December 4-6

Cowboy Christmas

December 5

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Painted Canyon— closed

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It's not happy people who are thankful, It's thankful people who are happy!

Prescribed Fire Planned at TRNP

MEDORA, ND: The National Park Service will implement a small prescribed fire project in Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South Unit this fall.

A strip of approximately 25-35 feet immediately adjacent to the South Unit Scenic Drive will be burned in numerous areas to provide a safety zone or "black line." An estimated 20 to 40 acres is scheduled to burn in early November. This project is in preparation for a larger prescribed burn in the unit's interior, which will occur in spring 2016.



"Prescribed fire continues to be a primary management tool in maintaining the vegetation community typical of the Little Missouri Badlands," said Chief of Resource Management Bill Whitworth. "This, in turn, supports the variety of native wildlife in the park, particularly large grazers like bison, elk, and feral horses. This burn will make the spring burn safer and more efficient."

The park will notify local fire departments and law enforcement agencies, post signs along park roads and in the visitor center, and update the park's website to notify the public if conditions remain favorable for burning. Other federal land management agencies will assist National Park Service personnel to carry out the prescribed burns. Portions of the South Unit road system may be closed temporarily for visitor safety.



Learn more about fire:

<http://www.nps.gov/thro/learn/management/firemanagement.htm>

<http://www.nifc.gov/>



Theodore Roosevelt NP Trails Get a Facelift!

Theodore Roosevelt National Park hosted an inaugural Student Conservation Association trail corps during the 2015 field season. Funded by entrance fees collected at the Park, the team improved two high-use front country trails, Painted Canyon and Ridgeline Nature trails. Both trails were overgrown with brush and prairie grass, and damaged by wind, water erosion, and wildlife, such as bison and feral horses. The SCA trail corps successfully improved the tread, constructed new drainage structures, decommissioned several social trails, and installed new signage to make the trails easier to navigate.



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BOGO T-shirts

Buy a t-shirt and get the second one at equal or lower price 1/2 off.

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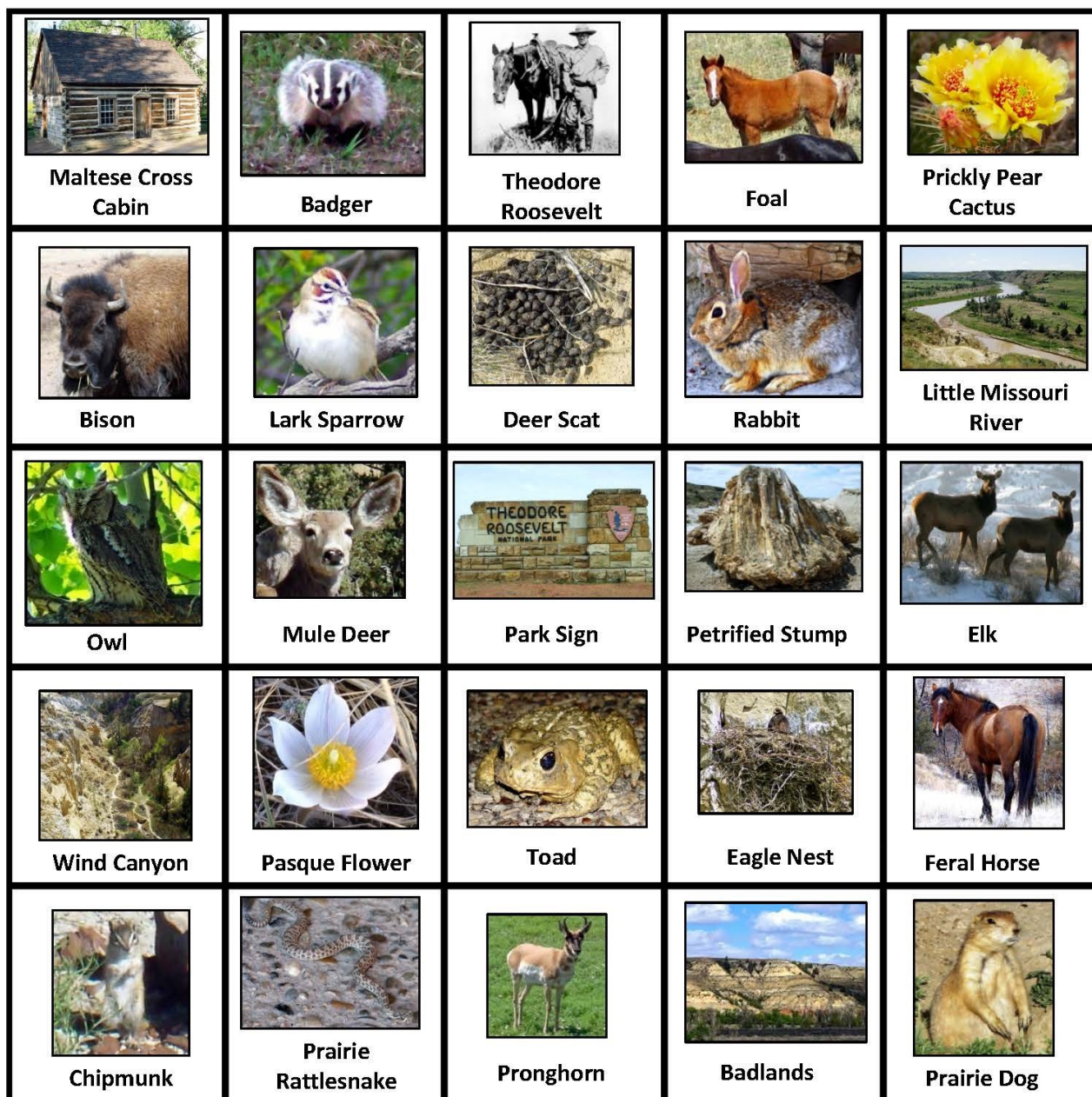
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Play Bingo and See What You Can Find!

Watch for these plants, animals, and other objects as you explore the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. When you find one mark the square with an X. If you get five in a row across, down, or diagonal you get a Theodore Roosevelt National Park Bingo!



More bingo cards and activities are available by visiting the parks website at:
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Medora's 20th Annual Old-Fashioned Cowboy Christmas

FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY **December 4, 5 AND 6 2015**

FRIDAY FEATURES

- Oyster Stew
- Veteran's Memorial Service & Wreath Ceremony
- Tree Lighting with Santa
- Community Theatre
- Medora Melodrama**
- Spirits of the Season Holiday Bar Stroll

SATURDAY FEATURES

- Eats on the Streets
- Kids Crafts
- Hay Rides
- Holiday Magic Show
- Community Theatre
- Medora Melodrama**
- Cowboy Christmas Supper
- Kiddie Karnival
- 20th Anniversary Fireworks
- SMOKEHOUSE Band
- Dance Contest

SUNDAY FEATURES

- Christmas Cookie Decorating with Santa
- "Morning Rush" Outhouse Races
- Ethnic Buffet at the Chateau de Mores
- Holiday Magic Show

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TRNHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association is pleased to announce the results of its 2015 Board of Directors election. At present the Board consists of seven directors. The directors serve staggered, 3-year terms. We had three directorships to fill. We are pleased to appointed Ann Fischer, Douglas Walker, and Ann Fischer to our board of directors. The newly elected board members took their seats on the board and officers were elected at the annual board meeting on November 14th.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATURE & HISTORY ASSOCIATION 2016 Board of Directors

Ann Fischer - Rhame, ND
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Scyller Borglum - Rapid City, SD
Craig Whippo - Dickinson, ND

Douglas Walker - Dickinson, ND
Jan Dodge - Keene, ND
Jim Bridger - Medora, ND

Photo Contest Winners to be Announced

Don't forget to stop by the visitor center and see which photos made it into the top 12. They will be on display beginning December 4, 2015 and the winner will be announced in a special ceremony at 2:00 pm on December 5th. Join us as we unveil the winner!

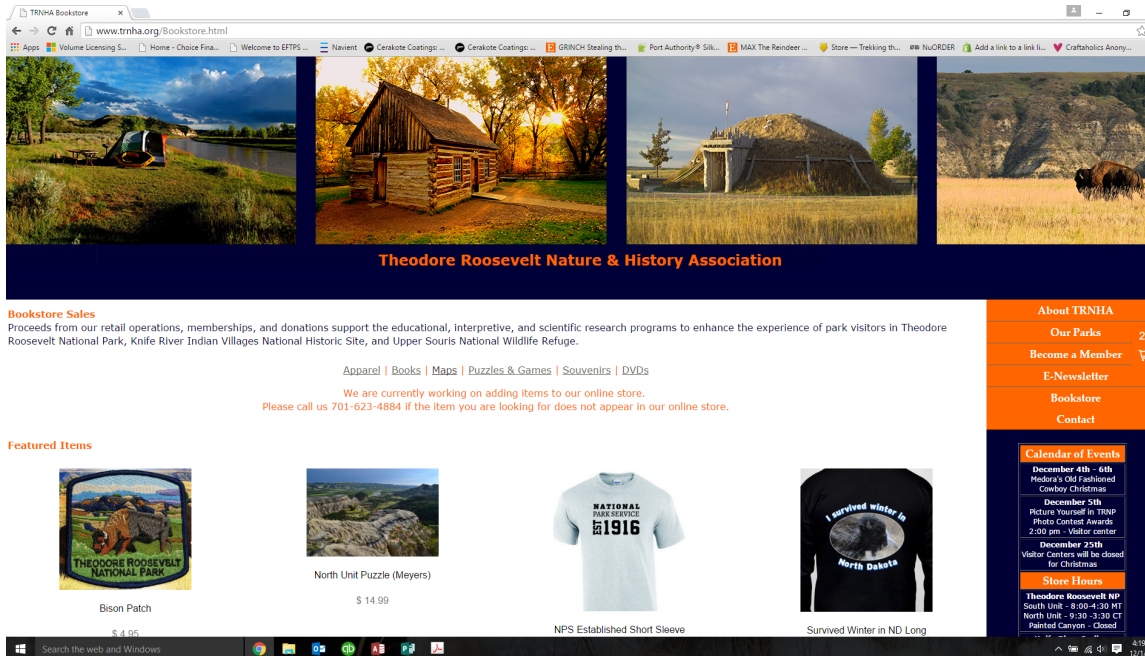


FAN FAVORITE VOTE!

Be sure to stop by TRNHA's facebook page to vote for your favorite photos. The winner will be announced during the awards ceremony.

Our Store is Online!

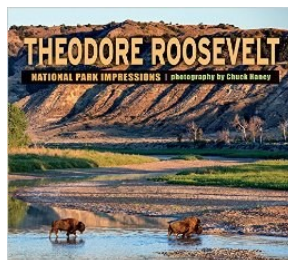
TRNHA is please to announce that we are now accepting orders online. While we are still working to load merchandise on to the site, we have some of our most popular items now available for purchase via our website. Please take a look and let us know what you think.



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FREE Shipping on all online or mail orders
(use coupon code FREESHIP)



Mention this coupon on phone orders!

Expires: December 31, 2015

NPS 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Design Unveiled

Designs for commemorative coins honoring the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service (NPS) were unveiled during a ceremony at the Department of the Interior. NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis and National Park Foundation (NPF) President and Chief Executive Officer Will Shafroth joined Treasurer of the United States Rosie Rios for the unveiling.

Public Law 113-291 authorizes a three-coin program of \$5 gold, \$1 silver and half-dollar clad coins with designs emblematic of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.

"Heads or tails, this Centennial commemorative coin helps to honor the National Park Service's first century of service to protect, preserve, and share some of our nation's greatest natural resources, culture and history," said Jarvis. "The coins will be a fun centennial collectible, and the proceeds will contribute to our second century of service to the American people."

Pricing for the National Park Service Commemorative Coins will include surcharges—\$35 for each gold coin, \$10 for each silver coin, and \$5 for each half-dollar clad coin—which are authorized to be paid to the NPF. The funds are to be used for projects that help preserve and protect resources under the stewardship of the NPS and promote public enjoyment and appreciation of these resources.

"When fully realized, the potential impact derived from the commemorative coin sales will be tremendous," said Shafroth. "The funds will improve trails, introduce more young people to the parks, and connect our citizens to the history and culture of our nation."



The gold coin obverse (heads side) features John Muir and Theodore Roosevelt with Yosemite National Park's Half Dome in the background. Inscriptions are "LIBERTY," "2016" and "IN GOD WE TRUST." United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Don Everhart designed and sculpted the obverse.

The gold coin reverse (tails side) features the NPS logo, with the inscriptions "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "E PLURIBUS UNUM" and "\$5." Everhart also designed and sculpted the reverse.

The silver coin obverse features Yellowstone National Park's Old Faithful geyser and a bison, with the inscriptions "LIBERTY," "NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL," "IN GOD WE TRUST" and "1916-2016." United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Joseph Menna designed and sculpted the obverse.

The silver coin reverse depicts a Latina Folklórico dancer and the NPS logo, representing the multi-faceted cultural experience found in America's national parks. Inscriptions are "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "E PLURIBUS UNUM," "\$1" "HERITAGE," "CULTURE" and "PRIDE." The reverse was designed by Artistic Infusion Program (AIP) artist Chris Costello and

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The clad half-dollar obverse features a hiker discovering the majesty of the wilderness and a small child discovering a frog hiding in ferns, celebrating the diversity and breadth of the NPS. Inscriptions are "LIBERTY," "2016," "IN GOD WE TRUST," "1916" and "NATIONAL PARK SERVICE." The reverse was designed by AIP artist Barbara Fox and will be sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Michael Gaudio.

The clad half-dollar reverse features the NPS logo, with the inscriptions "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "E PLURIBUS UNUM," "HALF DOLLAR," "STEWARDSHIP" and "RECREATION." The reverse was designed by AIP artist Thomas Hipschen and sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Charles L. Vickers.

"The Centennial commemorative coin serves as a lasting tribute to 100 years of the National Park Service – 'America's Best Idea'," said Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. "Whether these coins are kept in a safe place at home or given as a gift to the next generation, they serve as a lasting reminder that our nation is blessed with unique natural, cultural and historical treasures. Proceeds from these coins will ensure that our nation's rich stories and spectacular natural places will thrive in their second century and beyond."

The United States Mint will announce the coins' release date and additional pricing information prior to their release in 2016. The commemorative coin is one of many incredible ways to celebrate the 2016 centennial. Find out more at www.findyourpark.com.

Sign up to receive information about the coin sales kick off and view the coin designs at www.nationalparks.org/coins

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

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